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SUBJECT: Nuclear Proliferation Conference [REDACTED]

1. The Conference on Nuclear Proliferation held on 29-31 July at the [REDACTED] was, I believe, quite successful.

The beginning of Congressional hearings on [REDACTED] and other pressures from the imminence of the summer Congressional recess, prevented some of our higher level people from attending. The meeting agenda, and a list of those who did attend, are attached.

2. As you know, this office has sponsored summer meetings on nuclear proliferation for a number of years. The intention has been to bring senior members of the policy community together with intelligence officials, for two or three days of intensive, off-the-record discussion of proliferation issues. The meetings have always been popular, and they have continued to be held as a result of popular demand. This year's meeting, for the reasons given above, was more of a gathering of working level people than of senior officials, but the enthusiasm of the participants has underlined for me the value of interagency meetings of this kind.

3. Analysts, mostly from the DDI, provided an excellent series of briefings on the nuclear programs of countries of major proliferation concern, and these briefings provided the general framework for discussion. As you will note, there were other sessions in which special guests addressed the upcoming NPT Review Conference, the classical tension between intelligence and policy, and the long-term prospects for nuclear proliferation. The latter session was based on the paper that [REDACTED] is currently completing for us on the dynamics of

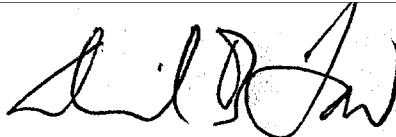
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proliferation incentives and disincentives, and we had an excellent airing of the issues raised by the paper.

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Attachments:

- A. Conference Agenda
- B. Conference Attendees

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